



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 January 2025

First reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 They read from the book of Law and they understand what was read.

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:12-30 Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Australia Day & Picnic Day for the Knights of the Altar

Today, as we celebrate **Australia Day**, we give thanks for the blessings of this spectacular land we call **home**. Australia is known for its beautiful landscapes, rich cultural diversity, and the strength of its communities. This year marks my sixth Australia Day celebration, and it feels like it was just yesterday! Time has flown by so quickly, but each year brings something new to **learn, appreciate, celebrate and belong!**

What does it mean to belong? We are a nation of 27 million people and growing, with many languages and heaps of stories to tell. Yet, we come together **"for we are one and free."** This idea of unity in diversity is beautifully echoed in our **Second Reading** from **1 Corinthians 12**, where *St. Paul tells us that we are all part of the Body of Christ.*

The body has many parts, such as hands, feet, eyes, and ears. Each part has a unique role, and every part is significant. *St. Paul says, "You are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* Whether you're a child, an altar server, a parent, or a grandparent, you have a role in God's mission as **pilgrims of hope.**

This brings us to the **Gospel from Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**, where Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. Then Jesus boldly says, *"This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."* Jesus brought good news and showed us what God's love looks like in action. As the Body of Christ, we are His hands, feet, and voice in the world we just need to be activated.

Today, I want to say a special word to our **Knights of Altar Servers**, who are beginning a beautiful mission in our Cathedral. As Knights of the Altar, you will assist at Mass, bringing us closer to Jesus in the Eucharist. Your service reminds us of the importance of working together as one Body of Christ. Every action you take, whether it's lighting candles, carrying the cross, or holding the book for the priest or the bishop, it helps us experience the presence of Jesus.

And what an unforgettable time we had last Tuesday at our very **first-ever picnic day for the altar servers with their parents at Marian Valley!** It was a day packed with learning, appreciation, celebration, and the joy of belonging. What a blessing to witness this growing community of faith! Big thanks to our supportive dean of the cathedral, Fr. Michael O'Brien, you're the best.

And for all other children in the parish who are counting down the days until school starts, good luck and enjoy the adventure of learning. Remember, you don't have to do something big to make a difference. A small act of kindness, a smile, or a prayer for someone in need can bring God's love to life. We are also **starting to recruit for our second batch of new altar servers. Training will start this February. Please contact Fr. Brian Redondo at bredondo@twb.catholic.org.au or 0488147734**

Fhear Brian Redondo



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Michelle Hickey, Michael Hovan, Carl Jabour, Nina Harrison.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Gill, Peter Saide, Shane Rice.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Clive O'Kelly, Win Southern, Claire Seymour, John Evers, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

St Pat's Sacramental program for 2025 begins on Wednesday 12 February. Enrolments are now overdue. Please email admin@stpats.org.au or phone 4637 1500 as soon as possible if you would like your child to participate.



Scan the Code to make a donation - Restoration Fund Fundraising: JOIN US TO PRESERVE THE PAST AND RESTORE FOR THE FUTURE A cathedral is never just a parish church; it belongs to everyone. St Patrick's historical significance is not just for Catholics, it is a part of the story of Toowoomba and Queensland. Be a part of our restoration journey; donate today. Donations made through National Trust Queensland are tax-deductible; **Scroll down to select "St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal, Toowoomba"** Please direct enquiries to the Fundraising Coordinator Ph: 46327589

Job Vacancy – Admin Support Officer, St Anthony's Parish, Toowoomba

St Anthony's Parish Community is looking for an Admin Support Officer to work up to 20 hours per week. Days and hours are negotiable. Please submit resume to Fr. Jamie Collins (admin@stanthonysparish.com.au) by 10th February.

Unit for Rent: One bedroom unit for rent suitable for a single person only, \$345 per fortnight. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. For more information please phone the parish office 46371500.

Sunday 26 January 3rd in Ordinary Time [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 27 January	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 29 January	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre 5.00pm Grounds Committee meeting in Presbytery
Thursday 30 January	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 6 – 7pm Choir Practice
Friday 31 January St John Bosco	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM Fr Howard Crowe	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 1 February	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC Msgr Michael Potter	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism William Albarracin Jr
Sunday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am Deacon Robert O'Shea	Following 9am Mass – morning tea for the Religious Orders within our Diocese. Please join them for a cuppa! 11am Baptism Lucas Edward O'Connor 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$2793 Planned Giving \$988 Donation Point \$1270 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Michelle Betros, Mick Cuskelly
Money Counters next weekend: Sandra and Peter Daly, Jan-Nell and Errol Chase

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.

**LET'S CELEBRATE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
Save the date
Saturday evening March 15
St Pat's Cathedral Centre

World Day of Prayer written by Cook Islands
Celebrated Friday 7th March South Toowoomba Baptist Church

Planning meeting Friday 7th February 10am
South Toowoomba Baptist Church
(279 Geddes St)

Please come along and be involved with the planning of this wonderful day of celebration
Some new faces from St Pat's would be appreciated

'I Made You Wonderful'